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LETTER DATED 29 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I would kindly request you to convey to Prime Minister John Major the attached letter, dated 29 January 1992, addressed to him by President Fernando Collor on the occasion of the forthcoming meeting of the Security Council to be held at the level of Heads of State or Government.

I would also request that this letter and its annex be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ronaldo Mota SARDENBERG
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Brazil to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 29 January 1992 from the President of the Federal Republic of Brazil addressed to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

1. It is with great pleasure that I write to you in your capacity as President of the meeting of the United Nations Security Council, to be held on 31 January 1992 at the level of heads of State or Government.

2. Brazil will be following with great interest the proceedings of this unprecedented summit level session of the Council. The meeting will be held as momentous changes continue to take place in international relations, changes that will inevitably affect the legitimate political and economic interests of all member States of the United Nations.

3. The convening of this meeting, bringing together leaders from all regions of the world - from countries large and small, developed and developing - will in our view contribute to an auspicious renewal of the commitment on the part of all States concerned to multilateral diplomacy and to the basic rules of international law enshrined in the United Nations Charter. It also reflects a welcome realization that dialogue and cooperation on problems of common interest can and should be enhanced by a process of revitalization of the United Nations, through the fuller utilization of the potential of the different principal organs of our Organization, in accordance with the Charter.

4. Keenly aware of the unique nature of the challenges to be faced by the Security Council in the coming years, Brazil hopes to see the Council increasingly able to function effectively as the organ which, acting on behalf of all members of the United Nations, has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

5. It is because the Council must act on behalf of the full membership of the Organization in carrying out its duties under this responsibility that we believe that member States should give careful consideration to suggestions that have been made with regard to the need to restructure the composition of the Security Council, which has remained unchanged for almost three decades.

6. I hope that the summit meeting of the Council - a timely initiative on which you, Mr. Prime Minister, are to be congratulated - will be a landmark in the process of strengthening the role of the United Nations in the promotion of peace and security for all States.

7. I would kindly request you to convey the text of this message to the other heads of State or Government of the member States of the Security Council.